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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed February 19, 2003, Applicant provisionally elects Group I, Claims 1-9 and 14, with traverse. The grounds for traversal are that examination of both groups would not place an undue burden on the Examiner. The non-elected claims share several common features with the elected claims, and a search for the two groups would likely overlap. For this reasons, reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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